

Gabrielle Mathiesen started the importation of fjord horses to New Zealand in the 1990s

Information from the Association :

There are about 50 Norwegian Fjord horses in New Zealand with the popularity of the breed growing along with the numbers of horses.

At the moment we are a small community but as the numbers increase we feel it is very important to protect the breed and be able to advocate on best breeding practices to ensure that new bloodlines are introduced and the breed is kept pure.

In the last couple of years, the bigger horse shows have begun to include classes specifically for European and Native horse breeds and it is our hope to see more of these classes as the popularity of native horses, and Fjords in particular, grows in New Zealand.

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